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Dept. of Natural Resources  
Land Management and Marine Surveys Division  
P.O. Box 168  
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Dear Sirs:

DEPT. OF PUBLIC LANDS

We are now operating a boat moorage on a Harbor Lease from the State, application # 1974; under the name of the Bremerton Marine Service. This business has been in continuous operation for over 30 years under the same name. Started by a (b) (6) who obtained the first lease from the State then later by a (b) (6) who we bought the business from in 1950 and about a year later bought the leasehold from (b) (6). We have operated the moorage continuously since that date.

We are the only public moorage in the vicinity of Bremerton and have the only sheltered mooring area that is available anywhere in the Bremerton area. There is an urgent need for additional moorages near Bremerton, and as stated before this is the only sheltered area available. However, to expand the moorage, more space is necessary.

The Richfield Oil Co. has a dock with two pipelines running overhead for the unloading of fuel and gas from barges to their bulk plant on the uplands to the south of the Harbor Area. Several years ago we gave this company a portion of our Harbor lease on the east side with the stipulation that we sublease it back from them and continue to operate the boat moorage on the water level below their overhead pipelines. This arrangement has worked satisfactorily for both parties every since then and is still in effect.

The Harbor Area immediately to the east of the portion of the Harbor Area we gave to Richfield Oil Co. was originally leased by the Western Gas Co. for the purpose of maintaining a barge unloading operation. Their gas manufacturing plant was directly above their Harbor Lease and they brought in barges of coal and offloaded it to a coal yard on the bank above the barges. Since the gas company has discontinued this method of making gas, have in fact sold out to the Cascade Gas Co. who pipe gas into this area, the Harbor Lease has not been used for any purpose what so ever. In fact the pileings and dolphins they had are deteriorated to the extend they cannot be used for any purpose any more.

This Harbor Lease was acquired from them by a (b) (6) who had purchased a lot fronting on the west portion of the former Gas Co. lease. He has not made any use of the area at any time, although he has had the lease for over ten years. It is just there the same as it was at the time he acquired it.

If it is possible for us to acquire this Harbor Area Lease from the State it would allow us the necessary room for expanding and provide sixty to seventy badly needed moorages for the Bremerton area.. An apartment complex of seventy three apartments is being completed on the shore directly adjoining the Harbor lease we now have and this alone will generate the need for quite a few additional moorages . We would also be able to greatly improve the access to the present moorages .

Please give this matter your consideration and if found acceptable to do so please send us an application for the leasing of this harbor area with the necessary identifying numbers .

Very truly yours

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